

**You Don't Mess Around With Jim**  
**Jim Croce**

**E**  
Uptown got it s hustlers  
  
The bowery got it s bums  
  
42nd Street got Big Jim Walker  
**E7**  
He s a pool-shootin son of a gun  
**A7**  
Yeah, he big and dumb as a man can come  
  
But he stronger than a country hoss  
**B7** **A7**  
And when the bad folks all get together at night  
**B7** **E**  
You know they all call big Jim Boss , just because  
  
And they say  
**A7** **E7**  
You don t tug on Superman s cape  
**A7** **E7**  
You don t spit into the wind  
**A7**  
You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger  
**B7** **E**  
And you don t mess around with Jim  
**B7**  
Do da do da da di di de de de di  
  
**E**  
Well outta south Alabama came a country boy  
  
He say I m lookin for a man named Jim  
  
I am a pool-shootin boy  
  
My name Willie McCoy  
**E7**  
But down home they call me Slim  
**A7**  
Yeah I m lookin for the king of 42nd Street  
  
He drivin a drop top Cadillac  
**B7**  
Last week he took all my money  
**A7**  
And it may sound funny

**B7**

**E**

But I come to get my money back

And everybody say Jack don t you know

**A7**

**E7**

And you don t tug on Superman s cape

**A7**

**E7**

You don t spit into the wind

**A7**

You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger

**B7**

**E**

And you don t mess around with Jim

**B7**

Do da do da da di di de de de di

**E**

Well a hush fell over the pool room

Jimmy come boppin in off the street

And when the cuttin were done

The only part that wasn t bloody

**E7**

Was the soles of the big man s feet

**A7**

Yeah he were cut in in bout a hundred places

And he were shot in a couple more

**B7**

And you better believe

**A7**

They sung a different kind of story

**B7**

**E**

When big Jim hit the floor now they say

**A7**

**E7**

You don t tug on Superman s cape

**A7**

**E7**

You don t spit into the wind

**A7**

You don t pull the mask off that old Lone Ranger

**B7**

**E**

And you don t mess around with Slim

**B7**

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Yeah, big Jim got his hat

Find out where it s at

And it s not hustlin people strange to you

Even if you do got a two-piece custom-made pool cue

**A7**

**E7**

Yeah you don t tug on Superman s cape

**A7** **E7**

You don t spit into the wind

**A7**

You don t pull the mask off the old Lone Ranger

**B7** **E**

And you don t mess around with Slim